

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating with a medical device ~~(10)~~, in which an interface ~~(12)~~ is provided to which either measurement means ~~(14)~~ or an external device ~~(16)~~ can be connected and via which measured signals or data are transmitted from the measurement means ~~(14)~~ or the external device ~~(16)~~ to the medical device ~~(10)~~.
2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the interface ~~(12)~~ operates in a measurement mode when measurement means ~~(14)~~ are connected and in a communication mode when an external device ~~(16)~~ is connected.
3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the communication mode a software update is transmitted from a connected external device ~~(16)~~ into the medical device ~~(10)~~ via the interface ~~(12)~~.
4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2 ~~or 3~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a changeover between measurement mode and communication mode is effected automatically depending on whether measurement means ~~(14)~~ or an external device ~~(16)~~ are or is connected to the interface ~~(12)~~.
5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the automatic changeover is effected by means of software of the medical device ~~(10)~~, a switch at the interface ~~(12)~~ or electronically by an operating mode circuit in the medical device ~~(10)~~.
6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the interface comprises contacts which can be used both in the measurement mode and in the communication mode.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein all contacts required for the communication mode can also be used in the measurement mode.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for communicating with a medical device ~~(10)~~, which apparatus comprises an interface ~~(12)~~ that is designed such that either measurement means ~~(14)~~ or an external device ~~(16)~~ can be connected to it and measured signals or data can be transmitted from the measurement means ~~(14)~~ or the external device ~~(16)~~ to the medical device ~~(10)~~ via it.

9. (Currently Amended) A medical device ~~(10)~~ with an apparatus for communication, which apparatus comprises an interface ~~(12)~~ that is designed such that either measurement means ~~(14)~~ or an external device ~~(16)~~ can be connected to it and measured signals or data can be transmitted from the measurement means ~~(14)~~ or the external device ~~(16)~~ to the medical device ~~(10)~~ via it.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 8 or a medical device as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the interface ~~(12)~~ is designed such that it operates in a measurement mode when measurement means ~~(14)~~ are connected and in a communication mode when an external device ~~(16)~~ is connected.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus or a medical device as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the interface ~~(12)~~ is designed such that in the communication mode a software update can be transmitted from a connected external device ~~(16)~~ into the medical device ~~(10)~~ via the interface ~~(12)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus or a medical device as claimed in claim 10 or 11, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the interface is designed such that a changeover between measurement mode and communication mode can be effected automatically.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus or a medical device as claimed in claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~wherein software of the medical device ~~(10)~~ is designed for the

automatic changeover, or a switch at the interface ~~(12)~~ or an operating mode circuit in the medical device ~~(10)~~ is provided for the automatic changeover.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus or a medical device as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims ~~9 to 13~~, characterized in that wherein the interface comprises contacts which can be used both in the measurement mode and in the communication mode.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus or a medical device as claimed in claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein all contacts required for the communication mode can also be used in the measurement mode.